

Ten Steps to Voting Systems Certification

Note: This process historically takes 50-55 days to complete, assuming that no problems arise during the certification process and that a completed application is received from the vendor.

Steps	Activity
Step 1	Receive application from vendor, review application and develop testing plan.
Step 2	Make logistical arrangements and preparation for certification testing.
Step 3	State certification testing commences <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Note: State certification testing does not begin until the federal qualification testing is successfully completed.</i>
Step 4	Complete State certification testing. Upon completion, the following will be scheduled: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Volume testingDemonstration of system for elections officials and VSTAAB*Public hearing
Step 5	Publish 30-day notice of public hearing
Step 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct Volume testConduct demonstration for elections officials and VSTAAB*Draft and finalize staff reportConsultant writes and submits report
Step 7	Publish staff report, independent consultant report and other material regarding system in advance of public hearing
Step 8	Conduct public hearing
Step 9	Close public comment period
Step 10	Final review of system and decision by Secretary of State

**VSTAAB = Voting System Technology Assessment Advisory Board*